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BUFFALO CREEK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT **Cleburne, Texas**

Project Goal

Restore historic Work Programs Administration/Civilian Conservation Corps (WPA/CCC) structure along and in Buffalo Creek in Cleburne, Texas, including pedestrian trails and walks, water features, and bridges.

Background

Buffalo Creek traverses the most historic portions of the City of Cleburne and Johnson County, Texas. Long a site for Native American camps, the springs of the creek attracted settlers and became the center of the community in the 1840's. The WPA/CCC project, intended for flood control, was completed in the 1930's. Time, repeated flooding, and limited maintenance have taken their toll, resulting in non-functioning dam structures and collapsing channel walls. The Buffalo Creek Beautification Committee has been working for nearly 10 years to restore the beauty of the creek and functionality of the flood control structures. In addition, the Committee is seeking to improve the quality of life and economic health of their community by adding additional recreational and outdoor experience opportunities along the length of the creek.

National Park Service Role

RTCA will provide planning facilitation and technical support to the process, including community outreach support and design inputs. RTCA will also provide information on both technical and funding resources, including guidance on completing U.S Corps of Engineers documents and other permitting.

Project Results to Date

- Pilot Restoration of a short reach was completed in 2000.
- New footbridge over Buffalo Creek completed in 2002.
- City of Cleburne included all creeks in its jurisdiction in a Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- Strategic Planning process begun in 2002 to include outreach, funding, and project selection.

Buffalo Creek Restoration Pilot



Project Partners

- The Buffalo Creek Beautification Committee
- City of Cleburne
- Johnson County
- Cleburne Chamber of Commerce
- Cleburne 4-B Tax Board

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